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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Express Mail No	EV 371 772 292 US
Application Number	09/960,584
Filing Date	September 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Watson
Group Art Unit	2851
Examiner Name	Kim, Peter B.
Attorney Docket No.	061116-0003-US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14863 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

I. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (order no. 061116-0003-US):
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$ 770.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$ 420.00 for a 2 month extension, the request for which is being made herewith
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	August 6, 2004

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In re application of: Watson *et al.*

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This response is concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is in reply to the final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated March 9, 2004. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above identified application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(A)

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the final Office Action dated March 9, 2004 be extended for a period of 2 months from June 9, 2004 to and including August 9, 2004.

Pursuant to the ultimate paragraph of this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (order No. 061116-0003-US).